



The United Benefice of St Helen, Burghwallis and St Mary Magdalene, Campsall

26th July 2020

One of my favourite Poems is by the Welsh Anglican priest R.S. Thomas. It is called *The Bright Field*. In this poem Thomas speaks of the sun breaking through and illuminating a small field. In seeing this he recalls today's gospel reading in which the bright field is the field that contains the hidden treasure. A man spends all he has to buy the field to possess it and the treasure it contains.

It is part of Jesus' explanation of what the kingdom of heaven is like: it is like the small mustard seed that grows into a tree, or the fisherman's net that is cast out and brings in many different fish, or the pearl of great price that the merchant values above everything else.

In his poem R.S. Thomas reminds us that the kingdom of God is to be found in turning aside to see in the ordinary things the precious gift of God; just as Moses turned aside to see the Burning Bush. And yet, so many people will simply pass by and not notice; but to we who believe it is the knowledge that we have found that treasure and know the presence of God which is buried in our hearts.

We are continuing to open on Monday (2-4) and Thursday (2-4) for private prayer for a little while longer as well as our Sunday services. Please do come for these times of quiet.

Fr Richard

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed."

Pray for the soul of
Raymond Leslie Wright
May light perpetual shine upon him.

SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00 Recording of Holy Communion at Home – online distribution at 9.30.

**10.00 Short service of Holy Communion at Burghwallis.
(Maximum number 15)**

**11.00 Short Service of Holy Communion at Campsall.
(Maximum Number 30)**

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